

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2558 - HB 2742**

February 15, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes counties and municipalities to require all persons applying for a position to work with or requiring proximity to children to agree to the release of investigative records for the purpose of verifying criminal violation information contained on their application and to supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Provides that a check of such prints may be made against records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Provides that the costs incurred by the TBI or FBI are to be paid by the county or municipality and that the county or municipality may require the applicant to pay the costs if they are offered and accept employment with the county or municipality to work with or in the proximity of children.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$40,000**

**Increase State Revenues - \$60,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$60,000 / Permissive**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$60,000 / Permissive**

#### **Assumes:**

- teachers and other school personnel working in proximity to children are already subject to background checks in accordance with current law.
- recurring increases in state expenditures of \$10,000 for additional personnel and administrative costs and supplies in TBI to process and enter fingerprints.
- state expenditures of \$30,000 for FBI fingerprint checks, based on 1,250 projected applicants subject to the background check each year.
- there are approximately 205,000 local government employees in Tennessee.
- 10% of local government employees are new hires each year and 25% of those new hires work with or in proximity to children.
- only one fourth of the new hires working with or in proximity to children will be subject to a background check.
- increase in state revenues and local government expenditures is based on a fee of \$48 paid by the local government for each check by the TBI.
- local governments will charge the \$48 fee to applicants as provided for in the act for an increase in revenues.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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